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1. AS MOST EFFECTIVE AND EXPEDITIOUS WAY TO ENGAGE ZAMBIANS IN RETHINKING AND HOPEFULLY ADJUSTING THEIR POSITION ON KOREAN ISSUE, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS USUN APPROACH GRZ FONMIN BANDA IN NEW YORK. DEMARCHE THERE RATHER THAN HERE IS LIKELY HAVE MORE SIGNIFICANT AND MEANINGFUL EFFECT ON GRZ ACTIONS DURING UNGA CONSULTATIONS ON KOREAN QUESTION ESPECIALLY IN VIEW BANDA'S STATEMENT TO UNGA SEPT. 22 (USUN 4514) OUTLINING GRZ POSITION ON KOREA WHICH COMPLETELY OPPOSED TO OURS (GRZ IS CO-SPONSOR OF NORTH KOREAN RES).

2. TWO POSSIBLE APPROACHES TO BANDA OCCUR TO US.

A. ONE WOULD BE TO INDICATE THERE IS LINKAGE IN OUR MINDS BETWEEN USG RESPONSIVENESS TO GRZ REQUESTS FOR DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES AND GRZ STAND ON KOREA. WE DOUBT GRZ WILL CONSIDER WHATEVER CONFIDENTIAL

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WE COULD DO ON RHODESIA WOULD REALLY BE ENOUGH,

ESPECIALLY WITH HOUSE DEFEAT OF BYRD AMENDMENT REPEAL; NEVERTHELESS STRESS ON LINKAGE WOULD UNDERSCORE SERIOUSNESS OF OUR APPROACH. WE DOUBT GRZ WILLING ANGER DPRK AND OTHER COMMUNIST FRIENDS BY DROPPING SUPPORT OF HOSTILE RESOLUTION, BUT WE BELIEVE THERE MAY BE SOME ROOM FOR THEM TO ELIMINATE SOME OF THE IRRELEVANCE AND ERROR IN THEIR FORMAL STATED POSITION. BANDA IS THE BEST MAN TO DO THIS BECAUSE OF AUTHORITY OF HIS POSITION (NO ONE REALLY SUBSTITUTES FOR FONMIN IN HIS ABSENCE), AND HIS CLOSE STATE HOUSE CONNECTIONS.

B. OTHER APPROACH WOULD BE TO APPEAL TO GRZ EXPRESSED INTEREST IN PRESERVING PEACE AND SEEKING PROGRESS TOWARD REUNIFICATION OF KOREUN PENINSULA BY ATTEMPTING ENLIST

BANDA'S ADVOCACY AMONG NON-COMMUNIST SUPPORTERS OF HOSTILE RESOLUTION FOR SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL OF CONVENING FOUR-PARTY CONFERENCE TO PRESERVE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT AND TO SEEK PROGRESS ON BROADER ISSUES. OUR ARGUMENTS SHOULD STRESS THAT BROADER CONFERENCE, NOT ONE-SIDED RESOLUTIONS WHICH ATTEMPT EXCLUDE ONE OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES FROM TALKS, IS ONLY FEASIBLE WAY TO REDUCE TENSIONS AND SERVE CAUSE OF WORLD PEACE IN KOREA. WE MIGHT ATTEMPT TO DRAW PARALLEL WITH ZAMBIA'S OWN ACTIONS IN WORKING WITH SOUTH AFRICA TO HELP BRING TOGETHER OPPOSING PARTIES TO SEEK PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN RHODESIA.

3. MOST EFFECTIVE ANCILLARY SUPPORT WE IN POSITION TO GIVE FROM LUSAKA IN ABSENCE OF FONMIN IS TO APPROACH MINISTER OF STATE IN FOREIGN MINISTRY, GREENWOOD SILWIZYA, WHO HAS JUST RETURNED FROM TRIP TO EAST ASIA, INCGUDING NORTH KOREA* AND MAKE POINTS REFTEL. SILWIZYA IS A REASONABLE AND OPEN PERSON BUT IS DELEGATED LITTLE AUTHORITY IN ABSENCE OF BANDA. SILWIZYA'S GREAT VALUE IS HIS ATTENTION TO DETAIL, INTELLECTUAL CURIOSITY, AND WILLINGNESS TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY. WZ ARE CERTAIN HE WILL CONVEY OUR POINTS ACCURATELY TO HIS ACTING SUPERIORS HERE BUT LATTER ARE UNLIKELY TO DO MORE THAN REFER THEM BACK TO FONMIN BANDA IN NEW YORK.

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